

Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 21.

Africa's Superstitions.

Mr. Paul B. Du Chailu lectured in New York Friday night on the "Witchcraft and Superstitions of Africa." He said:

The people of Equatorial Africa are scattered in great tribes, divided into clans, and the clans into families, the chiefs and the old men making the laws. Three institutions are everywhere prevalent—polygamy, slavery and witchcraft. It is wonderful how these people love to get married. They marry all the time and never get tired of it. Some of them marry as old as eighty-five or ninety years. The largest number of wives I have seen belonging to one man was about three hundred, and when I asked him how six and eight hundred. Two hundred, more or less, didn't seem to trouble him at all. The wives are not slaves, but their husbands buy them when they are three or four years old from their fathers; that is a sort of dowry. Polygamy is also a political institution. The tribes are always at war, and hence a man tries to get as many wives as he can from the surrounding tribes so as to have friends among them. They have a great abhorrence of blood relationship and no man is allowed to take a wife of his own clan.

The great error of that country is its superstitions, and it is very hard to get at the bottom facts about their religious belief. They have two names which represent their ideas of God and of the Devil. The Devil is the source of all evil and witchcraft. When a person is sick he is bewitched by some one, and the sorcerer or sorceress has to be killed. The doctors point them out, and they have to swallow poison to prove their innocence. This poison is the root of a tree called bundo, belonging to the strychnine order, but these doctors take it and do not die. Here, if a man sees the new moon over his right shoulder, or his left, it is lucky or unlucky; but there it is unlucky if he sees the new moon at all, and on the day of the new moon nobody dare go out of his hut. The queen of witchcraft lives in the moon, and the people of the world are the insects on which witchcraft feeds, and when witchcraft is very hungry she sends the plague and kills more people. Those who have any connection with the spirit in the moon are women and must be in a trance. The people are honest in their beliefs, but of course there is jealousy among them. Among many tribes cannibalism exists, but I think it is a sort of religious feast, as they do not kill people purposely except prisoners of war. As among the Indians, they have to eat on those taken in war. I made inquiries about those taken in war. I wanted to know which were best eating, women or men. They all agreed that the women were best. Their war dance is perfectly terrible. They cover themselves all over with war paint and with clay that has been saturated with the decayed flesh and brains from the heads of their dead warriors, which they always keep in a particular house in every village. Then they have a dance, and when morning comes each man cuts his hand in several places and lets the blood flow into a large wooden dish, and they rub themselves with that blood and then go to war.

The most difficult thing the missionaries have to do is to bring themselves to a level of thinking with these people. Some of the negroes are very fierce. They would not be so bad if the traders did not bring them such an amount of spirits. It is laughable sometimes to see the missionaries on the deck of a ship and the barrels of rum under the deck, both going to the same place.—N. Y. Herald.

SMALL SUGAR CURED HAMS and **SHOULDERS** received to-day for sale very low by
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CORKS—Bottle Corks; also Corks for Oyster Cans, &c., of all sizes, with CEMENT for sale by
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SLEIGH BASKETS, RUNNERS and **BELLS** just received and for sale at low prices at 88 King, corner of Royal.
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WATFIELD & HALL'S,
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ANDERSON'S MINCE MEAT—the best made, for sale low by
F. J. DAVIDSON,
dec 21 147 King street.

PRIME CAROLINA RICE of the new crop received and for sale by
F. J. DAVIDSON,
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CURRENT JELLY—A choice article received this day and for sale low by the lb.
dec 13 R. W. AVERY, 226 King st.

POCKET KNIVES and **TABLE CUTLERY** at
McLEAN & UHLER'S,
dec 12 107 King street.

VASES for decoration, new patterns, rec'd this day
nov 30 E. J. MILLER & CO.

ENGLISH BREAKFAST TEA, something choice, just received by
dec 10 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES, new crop, received to-day and for sale low by
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25 BOXES OF GENUINE YARMOUTH BLOATERS received this day by
dec 29 W. A. JOHNSON.

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dec 19 DAVY & HARMON.

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